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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF PHASE I OF
THE DOLS 1 BILLION PLUS KUWAIT MOTORWAYS PROJECT: THE OVERALL
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND THE IMPE-
MENTATION SCHEDULE OF THE FIVE SECTIONS IS PROGRESSING.

A. SECTION I: ON JUNE 20, 1977 THE CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE
DECIDED TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE SANGAMO GROUP, WHICH
IS PART OF A JOINT VENTURE WITH A LOCAL KUWAITI CONTRACTOR
AND A TURKISH COMPANY. THE SANGAMO JOINT VENTURE'S BID
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WAS FOR KD 17.6 MILLION (1 KD EQUALS DOLS 3.50).

B. SECTION II: THE BIDS FOR THE FIFTH RING ROAD MOTORWAY
WILL BE OPENED ON OCTOBER 2, 1977.

C. SECTION III: DESIGN PROPOSALS BY DELEUW CATHER INT'L
FOR MAGRUB STREET ARE BEING SUBMITTED TO MINISTRY OF

PUBLIC WORKS NOW; ADVERTISEMENT OF THE TENDER FOR THE SECTION WILL OCCUR LATER IN THE YEAR.

D. SECTION IV: BIDS FOR AS-SAFAR HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. AN ITALIAN FIRM, ITAL-STRADE SPA, WAS THE LOWEST BIDDER AT KD 23.3 MILLION. THE TWO AMERICAN BIDDERS, JOHNSON BROS. AND SANGAMO, PLACED FIFTH AND EIGHTH AT 23.3 MILLION AND 31.5 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

E. SECTION V: DELEUW CATHIER INTERNATIONAL WILL BE FINISHING THE DESIGN STUDY FOR THE AIRPORT EXTENSION BY APRIL OF 1978; BIDS WILL PROBABLY BE REQUESTED WITHIN THE NEXT QUARTER.

2. THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL INVITE DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS, FOR WHICH THUS FAR SIX FIRMS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BID (FIRMS INCLUDE DELEUW CATHIER, HOWARD NEEDLES, TAMMANS, AND BERGDORF).

A. SHORT TERM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: THE PRESENT FAHAHEEL ROAD WILL BE UPGRADED TO AN EXPRESSWAY WITH INTERCHANGES AND NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS. THERE IS BE ALSO A SHORT EXTENSION OF MAGRUB STREET TO SIXTH RING ROAD, PARALLELING FAHAHEEL ROAD.

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B. PHASE II: THE CONCEPTUAL STUDY FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE KUWAIT MOTORWAY SYSTEM WILL BE TENDERED SOON WITH AN OPTION TO SUBMIT DESIGN PROPOSALS, BOTH PRELIMINARY AND FINAL, FOR TWO MOTORWAYS. THE BASIC PLAN FOR THE TWO MOTORWAYS IS FOR AN INNER CITY LOOP CONNECTING TO JAHRA ROAD, WHICH IS TO BE UPGRADED TO A LIMITED ACCESS EXPRESSWAY, AND FOR RADIAL EXPRESSWAYS BRANCHING OFF OF THE INNER CITY LOOP.

C. THE AS-SAFAR MOTORWAY EXTENSION: AN INVITATION TO BID WILL BE OFFERED ON THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DESIGN OF APPROXIMATELY 25 KILOMETERS OF ROAD SOUTH OF AHMADI TO THE SAUDI ROAD.

D. MINOR CONTRACTS WILL BE LET FOR THE EXTENSIONS OF THE 5TH AND 6TH RING ROADS.

3. THE KUWAIT MUNICIPALITY WILL ANNOUNCE A DESIGN COMPETITION FOR A MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CENTER TO BE CENTRALLY LOCATED IN KUWAIT CITY. A MASS TRANSIT STUDY IS ALSO PRESENTLY UNDERWAY. THE CONSULTING FIRM OF SHANKLIN-COX IS UPDATING THE ORIGINAL BUCHANAN MASTER PLAN FOR KUWAIT

AND IS EVALUATING ITS GOALS WITH PRESENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND
NEEDS. THE CONSULTING FIRM OF FREEMAN-FOX IS COMPILING A
COMPREHENSIVE TRANSIT STUDY, WHICH IS CONSIDERING THE
MODALITIES OF KUWAIT'S PRESENT AND FUTURE MASS TRANSIT
NEEDS AND OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF MASS TRANSIT
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